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1. AT INVITATION OF IMEC GROUP MAY 26 AMBASSADOR VANDEN HEUVEL PRESENTED STRONG CASE FOR US VIEWS ON PAR 3 OF THE DRAFT POSITION PAPER ON STRUCTURE DRAWING ON SUBSTANCE REFTEL. HOWEVER FOLLOWING FURTHER DISCUSSIONS, IT BECAME CLEAR MOST IMEC MEMBERS HAD
REACHED CONCLUSION THAT THE PROGRESS MADE ON STRUCTURE WAS SO TENUOUS THAT IMEC INITIATIVE TO AMEND ANY OF THE POINTS MIGHT LEAD TO A BREAKDOWN OF NEGOTIATIONS WITH THE G-77 AND COMMUNISTS. VARIOUS REPS EXPRESSED OPINION THAT THE ARRANGEMENT FOR A SPECIAL SITUATION IN EUROPE WAS SO NARROW IT WOULD NOT PRESENT A PRECEDENT FOR FURTHER DEVEL-OPMENT OF IDEALOGICAL CRITERION IN THE ILO. FURTHERMORE, THEY SAID THIS DRAFT PAPER WOULD NOT LEAD TO A DEFINITION OF REGIONAL ELECTORAL PROCESSES IN EITHER THE CONSITUTION
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OR THE STANDING ORDERS. FINALLY, THEY ASSERTED THEIR CON-CERN FOR THE TOTAL PACKAGE, ESPECIALLY ARTICLE 17.

2. THE CANADIANS SUPPORTED OUR POSITION AND BRITISH REP ASKED WHETHER THE USE OF THE PHRASE "SUB REGIONAL ELECTORAL COLLEGES" WOULD BE LESS OFFENSIVE THAN THE TERM "SOCIALIST COUNTRIES OF EASTERN EUROPE", INDICATING THAT THE BRITISH

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WERE SUPPORTIVE OF OUR OVERALL CONCERN. WE UNDERSTAND ALSO THAT IN AN EARLIER MEETING OF THE EC-9, THE DANISH AND DUTCH REPS PROMOTED OUR VIEWS BUT WERE OVERRULED BY THE MAJORITY IN THAT GROUP.

3. IMEC DID AUTHORIZE CANADIAN REP MAINWAIRNG, AS IMEC COORDINATOR, TO DISCUSS INFORMALLY PAR 3 WITH SOVIET REP BORCHTCHEVSKI TO SEE IF SOVIETS WOULD BE WILLING TO DROP THE WORD SOCIALIST. WE UNDERSTAND MAINWAIRNG WILL SEEK INSTRUCTIONS FROM OTTAWA BEFORE PROCEEDING.

4. WE DO NOT EXPECT THE SOVIETS TO AGREE TO ANY SUBSTANTIVE CHANGE IN THE DRAFT PAPER. BARRING UNFORESEEN DEVELOPMENTS THE TRIPARTITE WORKING PARTY WILL CONVENE EARLY MAY 29 AT WHICH TIME GOVERNMENT GROUP WILL PRESENT DRAFT POSITION PAPER AS REPORTED GENEVA 8045 FOR CONSIDERATION. VANDEN HEUVEL

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